



Board for International Food & Agriculture Development (BIFAD)

156th Meeting Agenda

February 24, 2009

National Press Club, 529 14th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. (13th Floor)

“Higher Education: A Critical Partner in Global Agricultural Development”

8:30 A.M. Welcoming and Opening Remarks -- Robert Easter, Chairman

Moving USAID’s Agenda

8:40 Collaboration in Support of US Foreign Assistance Priorities--2009 Outlook
Karen Turner, Director, Office of Development Partners

Reports

9:10 SPARE Committee to BIFAD: Charter, SPARE Directions, CRSP Management, Guidelines,
Coordination on Brain Trust & Conference of Deans
Sandra Russo, Chairperson, SPARE

9:40 BIFAD Field Assessment—2008 Visit to Kenya
BIFAD Chairman Robert Easter, and Members Tim Rabon, and H.H. Barlow
Respondent, Josette Lewis, Director, Office of Agriculture, EGAT Bureau

10:05 BREAK

10:10 US Government Approaches to Agriculture and Food Security in Africa: Panel Discussion
Panel Leader, David Atwood, Director, Office of Sustainable Development, Africa Bureau
Interagency panel members:
Pat Sheikh, Acting Deputy Under Secretary, Foreign Agriculture Service, USDA
Kristen Penn, Senior Agricultural Director, Millennium Challenge Corporation
Howard Andersen, Acting Director, Overseas Programming
and Training Support, U.S. Peace Corp
Susan Bradley, Director of Program Planning and Management, DCHA Bureau, USAID

Respondent: Alex Winter-Nelson, Professor,
Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Economics, University of Illinois

11:40 Public Comment Period (per advance notice)

12:00 Noon Luncheon (Board in executive session)

1:00 Re-Cap of Morning Proceedings, Robert Easter, Chairman

BIFAD Programs and Initiatives:

1:05 P.M. The “White Paper”: Joint USAID/BIFAD Implementation of Recommendations
--Identification and Discussion of Common Action Priorities including Food Security
Respondents, Deanna Behring, Director, International Ag Programs, Penn State University
Tom Briggs, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Administrator, USAID

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- 1:45 Collaborating with USAID to Establish “The University Brain Trust for International Agricultural Development” Follow-up to Panel Discussion, Des Moines, Iowa
Irv Widders, Director, Dry Grain Pulses CRSP, Michigan State University
Respondent, Gary Bittner, Chief, Higher Education Division, EGAT Office of Education, USAID
- 2:15 Plans for 2009 Conference of Deans II: Networking University Partnerships for Development
Kerry Bolognese, Vice President for International Programs, NASULGC
Respondent, Martin Hewitt, Senior Education Officer, EGAT Office of Education, USAID

EGAT/AG Presentation/Reports

- 2:30 CRSP Planning and Assessments: Water, Nutrition, Livestock-Climate Affects, & Horticulture
Evaluation of Long-Term Training initiatives
Josette Lewis, Director, EGAT, Office of Agriculture
- 3:00 SPARE—Follow-on Reports/Topics
- 3:15 Public Comment Period** (per advance notice)
- 3:45 The Way Forward: Toward a USAID/BIFAD Partnership
Carol Grigsby, Deputy Director, USAID, Office of Development Partners
- 4:00 Announcements
- 4:15 Adjourn**